of recent reports regarding a decision in the U.S. Congress to scrap all the anti-India amendments; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The House Senete conference Committee of the U.S. Congress did not accept the extension of the Pressler Amendment to India, and deleted several amendments relating to alleged human rights violations in India.

(b) Government welcome this development.

Consequences of UN Sanctions

3544. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are of the view that UN should in future consider unintended adverse consequences of sanctions before imposing them on Iraq;

(b) if so, whether India has conveyed these views to UN; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the other member countries thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government is of the view that in the present era of global economic interdependence, the Unintended consequences of imposing Sanctions on other countries, should be considered at the time of imposing Sanctions against any country and that a mechanism should be devised for automatic commencement of action to compensate these other countries under Article 50 of the UN Charter, if sanctions are imposed.

(b) Yes, Sir. In his address to the UNGA, the External Affairs Minister had also conveyed this point of view.

(c) A number of countries have a similar point of view. The UN Secretary General has also referred to this issue in his report.

Damage Caused to Premises of Indian Mission in Kuwait

3545. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any damage caused to the premises of the Indian Mission in Kuwait during the gulf war; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) There was no damage caused to the premises of the Indian Chancery or Embassy Residence in Kuwait during the Gulf war. However, the new Embassy building under construction suffered some damage to internal and external finishes, fittings and fixtures. The Government is in the process of arranging for the necessary repairs, expenditure on which will be submitted for compensation by the United Nations Compensation Commission.

[*Translation*]

Floriculture

3546. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope to

increase areas under Floriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase flower cultivation in the country for boosting its export;

(c) whether any Central Scheme is proposed to be launched to grow flowers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government had constituted an Expert Group on Floriculture Development whose recommendations have been incorporated in the proposals for floriculture developmenet during the VIII Plan.

(c) and (d). The Central Government propose to implement a scheme or Integrated Development of Floriculture during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Garland Water Grid Scheme

3547. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a Garland Water Grid Scheme;

(b) if so, the details, thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in this regards;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government has prepared a National Perspective for Water Resources Development which envisages inter-linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from surplus to water short areas.

(b) The perspective comprised of two components, the Himalayan River Development and the Peninsular River Development. Studies on 19 water transfer links for the former and 17 for the later are involved.

(c) and (d). The National Water Development Agency of the Ministry of Water Resources has already prepared prefeasibility reports or links for peninsular River development component. These reports have been sent to the concerned State Governments for comments.

(e) All the studies including field survey and investigation are proposed to be completed by 2000 A.D.

[*English*]

Foodgrains Production

3548. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrains production in the country during 1991-92, grain-wise in each State;

(b) the foodgrains stock at present;

(c) whether the Government propose to export rice, Wheat and Sugar during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?